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TO

ADDRESS AT GETTYSBURG

FOURSCORE and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to

dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note or long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did

here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and

that government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

—*Address of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg, Nov. 19, 1863.*

LINCOLN'S LETTER

(Written to a Mrs. Bixby of Boston and pronounced the purest English extant.)

DEAR Madam:—I have been shown in the files of the war department a statement of the adjutant general of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously in the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of

mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a

sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

Abraham Lincoln.

RULES FOR LIVING

DO not worry, eat three square meals a day, say your prayers, be courteous to your creditors, keep your digestion good, steer clear of biliousness, exercise, go slow and easy. Maybe there are other things that your special case requires to make you happy, but, my friend, these I reckon will give you a good lift.

Abraham Lincoln.

I have always thought that all men should be free; but if any should be slaves, it should be first those who desire it for themselves, and secondly, those who desire it for others.

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

I have been driven many many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom, and that of all about me, seemed insufficient for that day.

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

THE way for a young man to rise is to improve himself every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him.

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

LET us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it.

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

IT is true that you may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time.

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

NO man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

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